

Sacred Heart Parish

South Mount Druitt

Sunday Masses **Saturday** 6.00 pm Vigil **26th SUNDAY of the YEAR**

Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am 27/9/2020: A

Monday 9.00 am Week 26 of Ordinary Time

Tuesday 9.00 am **Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael.**

Wednesday 7.30 pm then Rosary. **St. Jerome +420AD**

Thursday 9.00 am **St. Therese of Lisieux.**

Friday 9.00 am & **7.00pm Holy Guardian Angels**

Saturday 9.00 am Week 26 of Ordinary Time

Confessions 10.30 am, **12.00-1.00pm**, 5.00pm-5.30pm

Parish Priest Father C. Ashton (Confessions after Mass: see Fr.)

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Baptisms By arrangement - Godparents must be Catholics.

1st Reading: Ezekiel is talking about personal responsibility. Those who abandon honest living to commit sin will die; while sinners who repent will certainly live not die
2nd Reading: Paul is exhorting them to remain united in their faith. There must be no competition among them. It contains the strongest assertion of the Divinity of Christ

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
October 4	L. VILLAPANA	J. MENDES	M. BUHAGIAR
27 th Sunday of the Year	J. SALAZAR	J. D'ROZARIO	M. ZORE
October 11	H. VILLARICA	A. WIGGINS	F. ANTOWN
28 th Sunday of the Year	E. GEMZON	A. APAP	A. WONG

PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady will be at the home of the Villarica family 6 Flinders St. 96772542 this week. You are welcome for the Rosary for the Parish each night at 8.00pm!

First Friday of October will fall next Friday. First Fridays were asked by the Sacred Heart of Christ to receive special veneration so we normally have an evening Mass and if possible, a votive Mass of the Sacred Heart. In the past we also celebrated a Vigil through the night. This was suspended because of the Coronavirus. The Vigil will be held this Friday but as before this will conclude at **2.00am**. Mass will be celebrated at **Midnight** by Fr. Rizzo with Confessions beforehand. Another restriction will be Hymns: There are banned (for the time)

GIVE LORD ETHERNAL REST to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Felomena MENDANIA who has died in the Philippines, Dungal DELOSANGELES, Neville MENEZES, Emma CHAMBERS, Godfrey & Rose GUILLAUMIER, Mary AHKAU, Douglas HISCOX, Lamberto & Rosalina ROLE, Elisa SANJOSE, Agnes PUGH, Jelka KOSTA, Colin FITZGERALD, Ivica BIJAC, Stypan MILETIC, John & Marjorie HOLMES, Joseph & Anastasia GLENNON, Mary & Arthur CLIFT, Gotfryd & Janina KELLER, Marko & Roza SIMEON, Dawood SHABO, Mate & Ruzena KOZUMPLIK, Clement & Philip D'ROZARIO, Ignac & Matej KOZUMPLIK, Frantisek PAVLICEK, Anna HEW, Leut. Christopher SULLIVAN, Simon DEANGELIS, Manuel DELVALLE, Robert CURARTOLO, (all firemen 9/11), Marija & Edi LONDERO, Josip & Marija KROK, Marko & Stefa KONTIC, Mark WILSON, Patricia & Ray WIGGINS, Ralph PITULEY, Kazic SAWCZUK, Marie BUTLER, Mervyn & Monica CALDER. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory!

ONE of the FORTY MARTYRS of ENGLAND

Forty martyrs were put cruelly to death during the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I This is the story of the third woman martyr who celebrate a Feast Day on 30 August!

Her name is **Saint MARGARET WARD**. She was born about 1550 in Cheshire, England. She was living in London in the service of a noble lady in the 1580s. She happened to hear of the severe maltreatment of a priest, Richard Watson, confined in Bridewell Prison. She obtained leave to visit him. Although thoroughly searched each time, she was able to smuggle a rope to him on one occasion. Fr. Watson escaped, but was hurt in the process and left the rope hanging from the window. The boatman whom Margaret engaged to take him down the river refused to carry out the bargain, so she in her distress confided in another boatman, John Roche, who agreed to assist her. He provided a boat and even exchanged clothes with the priest to improve his disguise. Fr. Watson escaped, but Roche was captured in his place, and Ward was arrested.

She was kept in irons for eight days, was hung up by the hands and scourged. She resolutely refused to disclose the priest's whereabouts. At her trial she admitted to having helped the priest to escape, and rejoiced in "having delivered an innocent lamb from the hands of those bloody wolves". She was offered a pardon if she would attend a Protestant Service, but refused. She was hanged at Iyburn on 30 August 1588. along with John Roche, the boatman.

Margaret was beatified in 1929 and canonised by Pope Paul VI on 25 October 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. Several Churches and schools are named after her in England.

All up, there were about 284 martyrs who were put to death during the Protestant Reformation in England and Wales! Great will be their glory in Eternity!

MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY falls today, 27 September. Resources you can see including videos, prayers, and activities can be accessed at www.parrcaatholic.org/socialjustice. More information visit Patrice.moriarty@parrcaatholic.org

ONLINE PUBLIC LECTURE by Prof. Julia Upton rsm from New York has been organised by the Aust.Cath.University on the subject of "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care, & Pandemics". It will be broadcast live & free. It will be on Monday 12 Oct. at 10am(our time) via Zoom: Register by 7 Oct. on; www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for children during school holidays is available online. They are designed for ages 5—13years. It may help in the understanding of their Faith. They can be found at www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/. For more information contact: Cecilia.zammit@parrcaatholic.org

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES has reintroduced face-to-face instruction again. But it will continue with Zoom meetings for those who wish. Teachers are available to cover the three methods of Natural Family Planning: The Billings Ovulation Method, The Sympto-Thermal Method, The Creighton Model Fertilitycare System.

For more information or to book an appointment, contact Catherine Bourne on 0400/427-605 or Catherine.bourne@parrcaatholic.org

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

ANTIPHON: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

RESPONSE: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

LECTOR: Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

LECTOR: Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Or

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

TODAY'S READINGS Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

NEXT WEEK (27th Sunday of Year A) Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43.

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Actions speak louder than words

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as well. They were socially despised and outside the Jewish law, like the prostitutes.

Yet these despised people were among those who heard and believed the message of John the Baptist, 'a pattern of true righteousness', while the chief priests and elders, the very ones who should have been most alert to the message of John, refused to accept him. They were like the second son who said he would go to the vineyard, but then refused. Jesus is declaring that God's loving embrace is available to everyone, especially those who feel most excluded.

This incident of Jesus arguing with these religious leaders also carries a warning for us today. We too can be deaf to the unexpected call of God. Moreover, Jesus insists that responding to the father's will is not just a matter of words, but of action. Actions speak louder than words.

So we pray that God will truly walk with us, and help us live with insightful concern for others, especially in this traumatic year that has included extensive bushfires, COVID-19 and economic distress for many. Let us also embrace the call of Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* to play our part in protecting our planet and environment, while striving for a more just world with social and economic systems that serve everyone well.

Many parents today could empathise with the father asking each of his two sons to work in their vineyard. It is not an unreasonable request. Presumably their livelihood relies on the income from the vineyard, and the father speaks not harshly but with affection, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today."

Jesus does not explain the motivation of the two sons, but the defiance of the first son in initially refusing to work in the vineyard would have hurt his father. Jesus does not say why the son then 'thought better of it' and went to work. Perhaps it was seeing the pain on his father's face. The point for Jesus is that he changed his mind. The second son instantly agreed to his father's request but then reneged.

As St Matthew recounts, Jesus is telling this story in a contest with the chief priests and elders of the people who have challenged his authority to be teaching and acting as he does. So, he tells this story and asks them to decide who did the father's will. Of course they answered: the one who went to work in the vineyard. In words that must have outraged his opponents, Jesus declares: 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you'. At that time, tax collectors collaborated with the Roman authorities and made money for themselves